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II. Remarks

Claims 1, 5-7, 9, 17 and 18 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No new claims have been added.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 5-6 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the inaccuracy kindly pointed out by the Examiner. Applicant asserts that Claim 1 is now in a condition for allowance. Claims 5-6 and 17 ultimately depend on claim 1 and therefore are patentable for the at least the same reasons as given in support of claim 1. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1, 5-6 and 17 is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 7, 9 and 18 are objected to because of informalities namely in claim 7, line 11 "a" has been inserted before "fluid."

Claim 7 has been amended to correct the informalities kindly pointed out by the Examiner. Applicant asserts that Claim 7 is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of claim 7 is respectfully requested. Claims 9 and 18 ultimately depend on claim 7 and therefore are patentable for the at least the same reasons as

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given in support of claim 7. Accordingly, allowance of claims 7, 9 and 18 is respectfully requested.

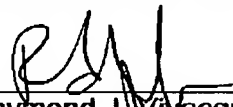
SUMMARY

Pending Claims 1, 5-7, 9, 17 and 18 as amended are patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of these claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Respectfully submitted,


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